

*Judge Berman*

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MBIA INC.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

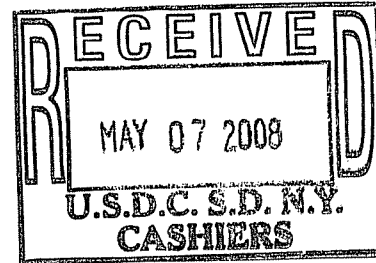
FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY and  
ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendants.  
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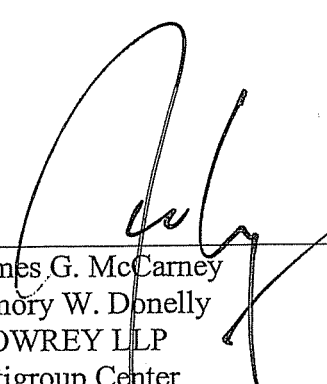
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RULE 7.1 STATEMENT



Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 [formerly Local General Rule 1.9] and to enable District Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for MBIA Inc. ("MBIA") (a private non-governmental party) certifies that MBIA has no corporate parents and that more than 10 percent of MBIA's stock is owned by Third Avenue Management LLC, which is a private subsidiary of Affiliated Managers Group, Inc., which is publicly held. There are no other public corporations owning 10 percent or more of MBIA's stock.

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